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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (original): In a system for determining or testing whether a cannister, or other sealed, hollow body, filled with a liquid or gas under pressure is leaky where such system employs creation of a vacuum in a vacuum chambers and any change in pressure within the vacuum is monitored, the improvement which comprises placing a test body (20) in the vacuum chamber (30), wherein a defined amount of moistness is supplied to the test body (20) in advance and increase in pressure is measured in the vacuum chamber (30).

Claim 6 (original): The apparatus as recited in claim 5, wherein the test body (20) comprises polyamide of defined size of surface.

Claim 7 (original): The apparatus as recited in claim 6, wherein the test body comprises polyoxymethylene (POM).

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